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The reply filed on March 28, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission or matter: Although Applicant has identified the species, *i.e.*, "a nonabsorbable biocompatible solution", that was consonant to the species election requirement set forth in the previous Office action of Paper No. 14 (dated February 28, 2003), Applicant has not included a list of all claims readable thereon. Please note that the specification as-filed does not identify an example of "a nonabsorbable biocompatible solution".

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michele Flood whose telephone number is (703) 308-9432. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:15 am to 3:45 pm. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196 or the Supervisory Patent Examiner, Brenda Brumback whose telephone number is (703) 306-3220.

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